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DEADLINE SET FOR CITY STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL

GREENVILLE, SC, January 27, 2006 – The piles of ice storm debris left at the curb in Greenville is getting smaller. Today crews completed at least one pass on 100 percent of the affected streets putting the City a week ahead of schedule. Workers have collected more than twelve thousand tons of debris to date – enough waste to fill City Hall twice.

“People continue to bring debris to the curb. We estimate another three thousand tons have to be collected,” said City Manager Jim Bourey.

Greenville City staff and other public organizations met today with officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA for an “applicant briefing,” the first step for getting funds to pay for some of the storm related expenses.

Money from the federal government will cover 75 percent of eligible costs incurred, including overtime, rented equipment and gas.

City Manager Jim Bourey also announced residents who need more trees and limbs picked up by the City must have it at the curb by the week of February 26.

Free firewood is still available seven days a week from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Municipal Stadium on Mauldin Road and behind the Public Works offices at the intersection of Mayberry and Hudson streets.

The December 15, 2005 ice storm knocked out power, uprooted trees, snapped limbs and damaged property throughout the Upstate.